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1. MANUEL GARCIA-MIRANDA REPLACED TWO WEEKS AGO AT MFA BY FERNANDO SARTORIUS. CHANGEOVER HAS LED TO TIGHT REVIEW OF MIRANDA-PROPOSED PROJECTS AND REVISED PLANNING BY GOS IN SUPPORT OF SAME. APPARENT THAT MIRANDA INVOLVED IN TOO MANY DISPARATE PROJECTS AND WITH A BUDGET NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO COVER THEIR COSTS.

2. ONE OF PROJECTS THA HAS COME IN FOR CLOSER SCRUTINY IS FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL. SARTORIUS REPORTS THAT SPANISH BI-CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE REVIEWED THIS PROJECT MARCH 3RD, CONCLUDING THAT THE 1.5 MILLION PESETA SUPPORT FROM GOS WAS BEYOND THEIR MEANS. THERFORE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED REDUCED SUPPORT TO SMITHSONIAN FESTIVAL, WITH GOMEZ DE LARREA CONTRACTED TO PROPOSE A NEW AND SMALLER SPANISH FOLKLORE GROUP. SARTORIUS FULLY AWARE DIFFICULTIES OF THIS NEW COURSE AND POSSIBILITY THAT SMITHSONIAN WILL FIND DE LARREA'S PROPOSALS UNACCEPTABLE.

3. SARTORIUS IN TEL. CONTACT WITH AGUSTIN CANO.
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